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Shrine Initiation Fee to be \$75.00 Beginning January 1, 1945

THE streamlined Executive Business Meeting of the Imperial Council of the Shrine, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 5th, 6th, and 7th, conducted a large volume of business in the interests of the Order, prominent among which was a change in law requiring a Temple to charge not less than \$75.00 for an initiation fee, beginning January 1, 1945. The present minimum fee which is \$50.00 has been the fee in Aleppo for many years. Therefore, any candidate joining Aleppo during the balance of 1944 will be charged the present fee of \$50.00. Our members are advised of the new law at this time so they may contact their friends who anticipate joining the Shrine and advise them of the change in fee, that they may govern themselves accordingly.

The Imperial Session, which was held in the Municipal Auditorium of Milwaukee and which was attended only by the elected delegates from the 159 Temples of the Order, elected as their new Imperial Potentate, Illustrious Noble Alfred G. Arvold, of El Zagal Temple, Fargo, North Dakota. Noble Harvey M. Beffa, of Moollah Temple, St. Louis, Missouri, was elected to the bottom of the Imperial line and will serve in the office of Imperial Outer Guard. Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Aleppo Temple, was elevated to the office of Imperial Captain of the Guard, having served as Outer Guard for the past year.

Tripoli Temple, as host to the Council did everything possible to make the wartime meeting as enjoyable as possible for the representatives and the hospitality of Tripoli and the people of Milwaukee was outstanding. The members who have attended sessions in the past missed the parades and revelry, but fully realized the necessity of stream-lined sessions for the duration of the war.

At the annual business meeting and election of the National Court of Jesters held Tuesday, July 4th, in the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Potentate Willard P. Lombard, of Aleppo Temple, was elevated to the office of Royal Tragedian, which is the third office from the top of the National Court Line. The National Court elected Noble William Wray, of Montreal, Canada,

as National Director, to rule over the destinies of the mirthful Shrine Order for the coming year.

The National Recorders Association held their annual meeting, Monday, July 3rd, and conducted considerable business of interest to Shrinedom in general and the work of the Recorders in particular. The membership of this organization consists of the Recorders of Temples, and Aleppo was represented at this session by Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee.

The elected delegates to the Imperial Council from Aleppo who attended this year were Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Potentate Willard P. Lombard, Chief Rabban Arthur A. Sondheim and Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee.



ALEPPO DIVAN CONSIDERS PURCHASE OF CITY CLUB

AT a meeting of the Divan on July 18th the purchase of the Boston City Club was carefully considered and discussed with Marcus W. Beebe, President of the City Club, with the thought that it might be used as the headquarters for Aleppo Temple and at the same time furnish considerable relaxation and entertainment for the membership. However, the sentiment of the majority was opposed to the undertaking. It is still possible that a group of our members will form a Shrine Club with annual dues for the full privileges of the City Club and the exclusive and permanent occupancy of two or more floors of their Club rooms. This would greatly promote interest and activity in the Shrine bringing the members much closer together.

It is a need which might well be filled to a certain extent by action on the part of an interested group of our members without entailing any liability on the part of Aleppo Temple whose Divan has gone on record simply as being opposed to taking it over for the Temple, especially in view of the Temple's lease on its present quarters which has some time to run.

SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 14th

THE sands will be cold and the fee will be only \$50.00 for the candidates who present their applications for membership at the special meeting to be held the day of the annual Shrine Ball Game.

This special meeting which will enable prospects to take advantage of the \$50.00 fee before it is advanced to \$75.00 on January 1st, will be held in Shrine Headquarters, at 12:30, Monday, August 14th, and will give the candidates with tender feet a chance to join without scorching their "souls," as there will not be time to heat up the sands before leaving for Fenway Park for the ball game.

All Nobles who sign the top line of an application for this meeting will receive a ticket to the ball game for himself and one for his candidate. Therefore, the novices for this special meeting will be getting a triple bargain — they will receive their initiation on cold sands; they will receive a ticket for the ball game from their sponsor and they will be getting in under the wire on the old \$50.00 initiation fee before it is raised to \$75.00.

Aleppo's membership is nearing the 10,000 mark. Potentate Lombard is reaching for that goal. Let's get behind him and give him a boost so he can reach that mark this year. Get that candidate now! Sell him the Shrine. Ten thousand Shriners can't be wrong.



WHY ELIGIBLE MASONS SHOULD JOIN THE SHRINE

WHY should a Knight Templar or a Scottish Rite Mason join the Shrine? Because it is in the Shrine that one meets the outstanding members of our Fraternity — both York and Scottish Rite Masons — in a happy and lighter vein, with business cares forgotten and the seriousness of our Craft laid aside while folks meet in a friendly and most intimate mood. It is in the Shrine that we are truly called from labor to refreshment. Happy good fellowship, congeniality, friendliness and laughter — that's real refreshment. Nowhere else in Masonry is the same atmosphere of unhampered jollity to be found so much in evidence.

A GRATEFUL SMILE



FOR THE SHRINERS' HOSPITAL

A SHRINER FROM THE HEART

IT is every Shriner's right to play hard and it is every Shriner's privilege to help crippled children by taking it upon himself to straighten these broken bodies by furnishing funds to carry on this great and humanitarian work. Each Shriner, instead of paying his annual hospital assessment of \$2.00, which is included in his dues as long as he lives, may purchase a Permanent Contributing Membership in the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, for sixty dollars (\$60.00).

His dues in the Shrine are reduced, because no further hospital assessment is made. The purchase price (\$60.00) is entirely deductible in computing income tax returns. The money goes for the purchase of War Bonds and the interest perpetuates the maintenance of the Shrine's fifteen hospitals.

Isn't this the greatest opportunity and privilege to gain self-respect in knowing that you are personally responsible for many kiddies who couldn't otherwise walk as upright men and women, in the realization that you are creating more baby smiles.

You, Nobles of Aleppo, here is a chance to really become a Shriner from the heart. Mail a check or money order (payable to Aleppo Temple) to the Recorder's Office, saying that you will do all you can as a Shriner and wish to purchase a life membership. In a short while you will receive a beautiful certificate.

Oh, yes, these memberships can be bought by and for non-Shriners, also, perhaps you would like one for your wife, son or daughter; in memory of some loved one, or in the name of your business.

Do your part in producing the number of smiles that have replaced the empty looks of despair on the faces of thousands of children who had previously looked ahead to a bleak life. Help increase the number of silent prayers raised from the lips of grateful parents for the Nobles who have been instrumental in rehabilitating their children.

584 HOSPITAL MEMBERSHIPS PURCHASED THROUGH ALEPPO TEMPLE

SINCE inauguration of the Hospital Endowment Fund Life Memberships, 584 of these \$60.00 investments in the "Ladder of Baby Smiles" have been purchased by members of Aleppo and their friends.

Following are the names of those who purchased a membership since the publishing of the last list in ALEPPO NEWS.

- 553 EVERETT P. LEAVITT
- 554 RAYMOND W. STEARNS
- 555 WARREN O. DAVIS
- 556 NATHANIEL B. DUNBAR
- *557 FITCHBURG ASSEMBLY No. 23 O.R.G.
- 558 GEORGE HUTCHINSON
- 559 WILLIAM H. McCORMICK
- *560 MEDITERRANEAN BASE MASONIC CLUB F. & A. M. & SHRINE CLUB OF NORTH AFRICA
- 561 WALLACE D. RIDDELL
- 562 EDWARD W. CARLSON
- 563 LINCOLN W. HUTCHINSON
- 564 LUKE LEWIS NAKASHIAN
- 565 FRANK T. COFFIN
- 566 JAMES HARRISON
- 567 CALVIN W. HOBART
- 568 HARRY JETTER
- 569 LEON M. LAMB
- 570 HARVARD L. MANN
- 571 PAUL R. REED, LT. COMDR.
- *572 IN MEMORY OF GEORGE N. RICHARDS
- *573 JENNIE E. RICHARDS
- 574 GLENN W. SPIES
- 575 HARVEY H. WEBSTER
- 576 SOLOMON J. LEVINE
- 577 EARLE M. FRAZER
- 578 LOUIS I. SHAIN
- 579 EDWARD L. WHITNEY
- 580 STEWART P. LYNCH
- 581 JOHN W. SHERIFF
- *582 IN MEMORY OF BESSIE H. SHERIFF
- 583 JOHN C. HOULNE
- 584 J. C. SCROGGIE

NOBLE LACKEY HAS THREE SONS IN SERVICE

NOBLE WILLIAM A. LACKEY, of Cambridge, is very proud of his three sons in the service, and very rightfully so. The youngest, Lt. Donald P. Lackey, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Air Medal and has just been made Flight Commander. He is "based" in China and has had two planes shot down, but all of the eleven members of his Liberator bomber escaped. Lt. Philip F. Lackey, who is 30 years of age, has been made Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.R., and during the past year has been Assistant Professor of Naval Tactics in one of the largest colleges in the United States. The third son, who has just graduated from Officer's Training School at University of Pittsburg, is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., and is in the Field Artillery.

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COMING EVENTS IN ALEPPO TEMPLE

Monday, August 14 — Shrine Baseball Day at Fenway Park, Boston, Red Sox vs. St. Louis Browns. See special notice on Page 3.

Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26 — Northeastern Shrine Association Meeting and Clambake, Rutland, Vermont, Cairo as host Temple. Friday afternoon, business meeting of Association. Saturday, all day Clam Bake and sports at Rutland Fair Grounds. All Shriners welcome.

September 24 to October 1, inclusive — Aleppo's Shrine Circus, Boston Garden. All new professional circus acts — 40 acts — 300 performers.

Tuesday, October 31 — Potentate's Ball and Ladies' Bridge Party, Crystal Ballroom, Statler Hotel. Details later.

November — Big Fall Ceremonial, Mechanics Building, Boston. (Last chance to sign up candidates for the present \$50.00 fee.)

December — Annual Stag Night, Boston Arena. All-star Sports Program. (Details later.)

SHRINE BASEBALL DAY

AT FENWAY PARK, BOSTON

Monday, August 14, 1944

BOSTON RED SOX vs. ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Patriotic Display and parade of Flags of Allied Nations by Aleppo Patrol, Band and Degree Staff. Flag raising ceremonies and Review of Officers and Uniformed Units before the game.

CEREMONIES START AT 2:45 P.M.

GAME STARTS AT 3:00 P.M. Shrine Section No. 13

ADMISSION FOR SHRINERS *READ CAREFULLY - - Follow Instructions!*

Shriners MUST obtain Special Shrine Baseball ticket at SHRINE HEADQUARTERS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE GAME by payment of reduced rate of 50 cents for each ticket. These special Shrine tickets are limited to two to a member.

SEND SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE AND 1944 SHRINE CARD to Baseball Committee, Aleppo Temple, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, with check for tickets. Shrine card and baseball tickets will be returned by mail. SPECIAL SHRINE TICKETS ARE FOR MEN ONLY. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

LADIES TICKETS. LADIES ACCOMPANYING SHRINERS will be admitted by presentation of 25 cent tax ticket purchased at the gate. Shriners may have as many lady guests as desired.

BOYS UNDER TWELVE. Purchase the regular 50-cent childrens ticket at the gate.

NO REDUCED RATE SHRINE TICKETS SOLD AT FENWAY PARK

DUE TO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE RED SOX, ALL SPECIAL SHRINE TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED AT SHRINE HEADQUARTERS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE GAME.

The Aleppo Shriners' Band Will Play Between Innings

IN CASE OF POSTPONEMENT OF THE AUGUST 14th GAME, SHRINE DAY WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DAY — TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FEZ BY REQUEST OF THE POTENTATE AND OUR HOSTS!

ALEPPO TEMPLE BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1944

Shrine Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston

at 12:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

A MEETING FOR BUSINESS, ELECTION OF CANDIDATES AND THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Candidates will report to the Recorder, at Aleppo Temple Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, at 12:00 Noon.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at this meeting to elect a recorder to fill the unexpired term caused by a resignation.

Attest:

HARVEY B. LEGGEE

Acting Recorder.

WILLARD P. LOMBARD

Potentate.

Following this meeting the officers and members will go to Fenway Park to participate in the Annual Shrine Baseball Day celebration. All candidates and their proposers (top line signatures) will be invited to the Park as guests of Potentate Lombard.

NOTICE!

SHRINE INITATION FEE

NOW \$50.00

THE FEE WILL BE \$75.00

AFTER JANUARY 1, 1945

BY order of the Imperial Council all Shrine Temples must increase their initiation fee to *not less* than \$75.00 beginning January 1, 1945. As far as we know, Aleppo will have the minimum of \$75.00, beginning January 1st, it might be even higher. But your prospect can join before the end of this year for the present low fee of \$50.00.

Take due and timely warning and govern yourself accordingly. Applications may be obtained from the Recorder, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., Telephone Kenmore 0678.

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We are also proud of the fact that out of the proceeds of our circus substantial donations have been made to the Boston School Committee Fund for hot lunches for undernourished and needy children; the Knights of Pythias Kiddie Kamp Fund to send worthy poor children to a summer camp; the Mayor's Field Day to raise funds for underprivileged children; and to the Army Emergency Relief and the Navy Relief Society. Finally, at a total cost of over \$1200.00, we presented **Boston's first Camel** to the Zoo in 1942, and in 1943 **Boston's first Chimpanzee**, each named in contests among Boston school children, with War Bonds as prizes. **OUR 1944 CIRCUS IS BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!**

Let's put it over the top, so our donations to the many worthy causes will outdo even last year's contributions. Plans are also being made to participate in a Gigantic Bond Sale.

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Will your name be listed among those who give the unfortunate kiddies the time of their lives at the Shrine circus? Tickets and further particulars are being mailed to members of Aleppo Temple under separate cover.

You can do your part by mailing in your check for your book of circus tickets as soon as received. Remove enough for your family. But every ticket you return, with check to cover the same, will take two underprivileged Kiddies to the circus as your guests on any matinee. A \$10.00 check with the return of your full book of tickets (if you cannot use them), will thus make **YOU A DADDY TO 32 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND ORPHANED KIDDIES**. Tickets to **YOU** are 75 cents (tax included); at the **DOOR** cost 90 cents.

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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

THIS summer, more than any in the past, the Shrine headquarters is truly a deserted place. Walter, Frank and Harvey are always busy, with their heads buried in filing cases, etc., presumably, to check whether we've paid our dues, been regular in attendance, etc., but the members are generally too occupied to visit headquarters at this time. Charlie Taylor, just released from jury duty, is taking Fred Goggins' place while he is away on vacation. So there's no news, whatever, except...

Thatcher Taylor, after a year in this vicinity serving as Chief Boatswain's Mate in the Coast Guard, gets married, and is promptly assigned to duty in the Pacific area. He left here early in June and will see duty on one of the L.S.T. boats. He sends his regards to all.

This year, as in the past, we are represented among the list of officers in the "Ancients." At the drum-head election in June Noble Ichabod Bunker was elected Captain and Harvey Leggee was elected Second Lieutenant. Also, Corporal Fridolin was elected Sergeant.

Among our wealthy Patrol members—those who "spend their summers": Judge Wilson is at his summer home at Beverly Farms; Jim Babcock, our Sergeant-Major, is at Silver Lake, Madison, N. H., with his family, his son-in-law is a Lieutenant in the Signal Corps and now stationed at Fort Myers; Dr. Stacey is spending the month of August in his garden at Abington, except for a visit to his daughter in Philadelphia; Dr. Beckman is at his summer home at Annisquam, making occasional visits to his office.

Then, we have those "week-enders" from Thursday to Tuesday at their camps: George Weeks goes to Bow Lake, Strafford, N. H.; Russ Lynn has a place at Silver Lake adjacent to Jim Babcock, so they can borrow from each other—incidentally, Russ' son, Melvin, who saw so much real

action in the European theater, has just been promoted to a captain and assigned to the Florida area; Russell Foster of the second platoon has just purchased one of Fred Goggins' cottages at Seituate—Russell is the proprietor of a Gulf station on Cambridge Street, Boston.

Lieutenant Dixon, of the third platoon, formerly a big man in the motor business and now a bigger man in defense work, was all ready to go away on vacation with his family, but no gas, so he is at home doing farm work instead.

Walter Keers, of the fourth platoon, has been at the hospital with an operation on his leg, but is now recuperating on the Cape.

George Hineckley, of the fourth platoon, and chief engineer at radio station WLAW, has been at Bretton Woods, throughout the recent conference on international finance, hobnobbing with the experts while making records, or breaking them.

In the passing of Bill Aldrich we have lost one of the finest and one of the most valuable members of the Patrol and the Temple. Probably the oldest member of the Patrol, his contribution throughout

the years is inestimable. Those of us who traveled with him year after year and knew him intimately, were able to appreciate his fine qualities. Moderate in his tastes, his influence among his companions was always towards the best. Possessing some dramatic ability, which he inherited from his parents, famous stage people, this talent was contributed to the ritualistic work of the Shrine on many occasions. We are glad to have enjoyed his fine friendship as long as we have and we shall remember him always.

In Memoriam

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

HERE we were looking forward to a surcease from our labors as a Columnist for the rest of the summer — but alas — "Man proposes but someone else disposes." So we get an SOS from Ye Editor in Chief to produce some Band Notes pronto, if not sooner, because the paper had to go to press at once on account of the fact that it would be Shrine Day at the ball park on August 14th. So here goes — let the chips fall where they may.

We were unable to attend the outing of Bethlehem Commandery at Gloucester on Sunday, June 11th, as we could not reach Boston in time to make connections with the B. & M. We understand, however, that a "good time was had by all," as the country reporters used to put it. We are pleased to note that the band received special commendation for their work on this occasion from the chief marshal. This was perhaps due to the fact that there was a new bass drummer in the line up. Yep! No other than our quartermaster, Freddie Goggin. They say he never missed a beat, though he may have put in a few extras.

Noble Joe Clapp, one of the drummers, drove down in his Buick, and had as his guests Nobles Koenig and Peterson. Before getting to Gloucester the car refused to negotiate a hill and the passengers had to get out and push, but they finally made it. On arriving at the Grove Joe got a whiff of the punch and nearly passed out. We will not vouch for the truth of this statement, but it was told us in "absolute confidence" by an eye witness. Joe simply smiled his usual smile when he heard it, but made no comment. Going home they got lost for awhile — so draw your own conclusions.

We received two postal cards from Noble Fred Maxham, who was on a vaca-

tion trip. The first card had a picture of the State Prison near Batavia, N. Y., and Fred was careful to state that he "had kept outside so far." Evidently he continued to remain outside looking in, as his next card was from a place called Skaneateles Lake. (What a name for such a beautiful sheet of water.)

Noble Charles "Fibber" McGee has been in the hospital for a serious operation, but is back home again and getting along fine. He is planning to leave in a few days for his usual vacation spot at Lake Winnipisogee, with his good wife, and we understand that his pal, "Bill" Bucknam and his better half will go with them. We feel sure the trip will do Charlie a lot of good and that he will come back fully restored to his usual good health. But we warn the other guests up there to put their pennies in cold storage "for the duration" when those two pennyante experts arrive.

Here's hoping to see a good turn-out of the band on the fourteenth of August for the Shrine ball game.

C. C. F.

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THE Officers and members of Gethsemane Commandery, of Newtonville, tendered a dinner and reception to Em. Sir Frank L. Nagle at their June meeting, in honor of his fifty-year membership in that Commandery.

The reception, which was held in the Commandery Asylum in the Masonic Temple, was followed by the dinner and installation of Officers of Commandery. Noble Nagle, who is a Past Commander of Gethsemane, as well as a Past Grand Commander of the Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was presented a large birthday cake, bearing fifty large candles, which was especially made for this occasion by Noble Andrew Seiler, assistant steward of Aleppo.

V. E. Sir G. Lester Marston, representing the Grand Commander, in his address to the Sir Knights, paid high tribute to Noble Nagle for his many years of service to all branches of Masonry. Eminent Sir Marston was accompanied by a suite of twenty Grand Commandery Officers and Commanders of Commanderies, who had gathered to do honor to one of the most popular Masons in the East.

Noble Nagle, who has been a member of Aleppo Temple for 29 years, served as Trustee of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo Temple for 28 years, up to the time of his retirement from that office the past year.

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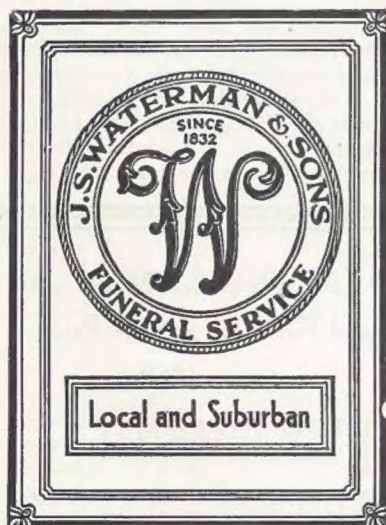
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NOTES OF NOBLES

IN response to the article in the last issue of ALEPPO NEWS asking for donations for heavy fishing tackle to be sent to the boys in the South Pacific, the Aleppo Headquarters received approximately 25 complete sets of fishing gear. This has been packed and shipped by the "ex-Navy" Chief who visited Aleppo on his return from the Pacific Area, with the thought that the Shriners of Boston could give a helping hand. The Chief was right and the Nobles have done nobly once again.

Among the many donations received was a large box containing five complete sets of lines, hooks, sinkers, lures, etc., sent in by Noble Emil Zepp, Secretary of the Greater Boston Sportsmen's Association. Noble Zepp said that when he read the request in the News, it hit a very tender spot and he immediately packed up practically all of his deep sea fishing equipment, with the thought that the boys in the service would get a great deal more pleasure from the use of it than he would.

Aleppo Temple wishes to thank all of the Nobles who generously donated fishing equipment, and we feel sure their donations will be very gratefully received.

The Shrine was well represented among the group of State Guardsmen who completed a tour of duty at Camp Chase, Hingham, last month, especially in the Special Headquarters and Service Company, which is sponsored by the Ancients. The Captain of the Company, Noble Louis C. Adams, appeared in Camp with his arm in a sling, due to a recent accident. In spite of his injury, Captain Adams was in a happy mood, due to the fact that he had just received word that his son, Louis C. Adams, Jr., had recently received a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The 27-year-old Colonel is Air Executive Officer of a B-24 Liberator group with the 8th Air Force in England. He is a veteran of many missions over occupied Continental Europe and holds the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

The several hundred members of the Monetary Conference, representing 44 nations, which met at the Mount Washington Hotel, in Bretton Woods, N. H., in July, required a special telephone hook-up to carry on its business with direct wires to Washington and New York. This intricate installation of toll facilities, which required considerable cable work together with a four position switchboard, was supervised by Noble Al Perkins, Adjutant of Aleppo Temple, representing the New England Telephone Company.

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